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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION
AND ACCESSION TO 1972 COLREGS CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 111025 (B) 109037

1. EMBASSY COMBINED SUBSTANCES OF REF A (ACCESSION TO 1972 COLREGS CONVENTION) AND REF B (ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION - NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (NPRM)) IN MAY 18 LETTER TO R.H. TAYLOR, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED FOLLOWING FORMAL REPLY FROM TAYLOR:

"THANK YOU FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVES IN RELATION TO MARINE OIL POLLUTION.

"I HAVE NOTED AND PASSED ON TO INTERESTED OFFICERS THE DETAILS ABOUT THE FOUR NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.
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WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF THE ACTUAL TEXT OF THOSE NOTICES AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

"ON THE IMCO SIDE OUR CHIEF MARINE SURVEYOR, WHO WAS IN LONDON AT THE TIME WAS ABLE TO REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE INTER SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION

PREVENTION, WHICH WAS HELD FROM 16-20 MAY.

"I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE INDICATED TO IMCO THAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE VERY MUCH THE SAME AS YOURS (PARTICULARLY THAT SHALLOW DRAFT PORTS DICTATE THE USE OF COMPARATIVELY SMALLER, AND THUS OLDER, TANKER TONNAGE) AND WE FULLY SUPPORT YOUR DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THIS REGARD AND, LIKE YOU, HAD ALREADY EMBARKED ON A SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAMME. WE WILL BE REPRESENTED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT OF OUR RESOURCES AT THE FURTHER SPECIAL WORKING GROUPS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES PROPOSED ON THIS SUBJEC.

" ON THE COLLISION RULES QUESTION, WE HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND DO NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DO SO ON 15 JULY NEXT. THIS IS BECAUSE OF COMMONWEALTH/STATE NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY ON JURISDICTION OF THE TERRITORIAL SEAS FOLLOWING THE HIGH COURT CASE ON THE SEAS AND SUBMERGED LANDS ACT. NEVERTHELESS YOU MAY ASSURE YOUR ADMINISTRATION THAT AUSTRALIAN LAW WILL BE CHANGED SO THAT THE NEW 1972 COLLISION REGULATION WILL APPLY TO AUSTRALIAN VESSELS AS FROM 15 JULY.

"A NOTICE TO SHIPOWNERS HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW COLLISION REGULATIONS AND FURTHER GUIDANCE TO SHIPOWNERS ON THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW CONVENTION WILL BE CIRCULATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HAVE IN MIND LETTING IMCO KNOW THAT, WHILST WE HAVE NOT SIGNED THE CONVENTION, AUSTRALIAN SHIPS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW RULES AS FROM 15 JULY.
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"AT THIS STAGE I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY FIRM DATE BY WHICH AUSTRALIA WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SIGN THE CONVENTION - ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE HOPE IT WILL BE SOME TIME LATER THIS YEAR."
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